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SUBJECT:31ST UNGA PLENARY: APARTHEID

1. THERE FOLLOWS EXCERPT FROM STATEMENT IN UNGA  
PLENARY NOVEMBER 9, 1976 BY US REPRESENTATIVE IN  
EXPLANATION OF VOTE ON GA RESOLUTION CONCERNING  
ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.

2. BEGIN TEXT. WE HAVE VOTED AGAINST DRAFT RESOLUTION  
A/31/L8 CONCERNING THE QUOTE ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST  
SOUTH AFRICA UNQUOTE. WE HAVE DONE SO SINCE WE ARE  
NOT CONVINCED THAT THE INVOCATION OF CHAPTER VII OF  
THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA  
FOR ITS APARTHEID POLICIES IS APPROPRIATE AT THIS  
TIME. WE OBJECT STRONGLY TO THOSE PARAGRAPHS WHICH  
ALLEGE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SENDING WEAPONS TO  
SOUTH AFRICA. AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WELL KNOWS,  
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THE UNITED STATES HAS CONTINUED TO IMPOSE ITS OWN  
ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA SINCE 1962, AND  
HAS URGED OTHER NATIONS TO IMPOSE VOLUNTARILY AN EMBARGO  
OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT. RECENTLY, IT WAS DISCOVERED  
THAT A UNITED STATES COMPANY HAD ILLEGALLY SHIPPED  
ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE SHIPMENT WAS MADE AS A  
RESULT OF MISREPRESENTATION BY A COMPANY EMPLOYEE.

THAT EMPLOYEE SUBSEQUENTLY HAS BEEN PROSECUTED,  
CONVICTED, AND SENTENCED TO JAIL. LET ME MAKE THIS  
CLEAR SO THAT NO ONE DOUBTS THE STRENGTH OF OUR  
COMMITMENT. WE HAVE JAILED AN AMERICAN CITIZEN FOR  
FACILITATING AN ARMS SHIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS CONTINUING  
TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF ILLEGAL ARMS SALES TO  
SOUTH AFRICA INVOLVING AMERICAN ARMS MANUFACTURERS.  
END TEXT.  
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